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FOR BARRY - IP

FROM MCDONALD

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: UN, UNDP  
SUBJECT: NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY

1. PER YOUR REQUEST MET WITH BRADFORD MORSE, UNDP  
ADMINISTRATOR, AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE UNDP  
INTEREST IN NEW FUND DESIGNED TO FINANCE NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY PROJECTS (WIND, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAN, ETC.)  
IN DEVELOPING WORLD. INDICATED US CONSIDERING ASKING  
CONGRESS FOR \$3.5 MILLION IN FY80 FOR THIS PURPOSE IN ADDITION  
TO REGULAR UNDP CONTRIBUTION. WE WERE CONCERNED HOWEVER  
ABOUT HIS SUPPORT FOR IDEA, OPEC'S REACTION AND POSSIBLE  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER MAJOR DONORS.

2. MORSE EXPRESSED HIS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA  
AND SAID HE IS CONVINCED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES WOULD NOT  
OBJECT. THEIR ONLY CONCERN WAS THAT UN NOT INVOLVE ITSELF  
IN PETROLEUM PRICING POLICIES. HE WAS UNSURE HOWEVER  
ABOUT OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY'S SUPPORT.

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3. IN DISCUSSING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AS TO HOW UNDP MIGHT  
HANDLE THIS PROGRAM MORSE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT  
CREATING YET ANOTHER FUND IN UNDP. HE SUGGESTED THAT US  
MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO PRESENT CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND  
THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AGREE THAT THIS MONEY MIGHT  
BE USED FOR ENERGY PROJECTS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WAS AN  
EXPANSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF UNDP'S NATURAL RESOURCES

REVOLVING FUNDS.

4. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER DURING THE  
COURSE OF THE NEXT TEN DAYS. WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR REACTIONS TO CONVERSATION.

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